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8. [] Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who gave me a copy of the tentative hearing schedule on investigation of privacy legislation. Hearings are tentatively scheduled for 11 May through 27 May with Chairman Robert Hampton, of the Civil Service Commission, confirmed for 12 May. It is Mr. Barton's present opinion that Chairman Hampton will be the principal Administration witness. He is attempting, however, to schedule also a representative from the Department of Defense for the same date, 12 May; Justice for 13 May; and State Department for 27 May. In keeping with this Agency's letter to Chairman Hanley requesting a meeting with him, any questions of Agency appearance will await the outcome of that meeting. Chairman Hanley is out of the country until 3 May but it is Mr. Barton's hope that Chairman Hanley will schedule an Agency meeting with him as soon as possible after his return.

In response to my question, Mr. Barton told me that if it should be necessary for the Agency to appear and testify in order to gain full exemption from the pending legislation, Committee rules would require approval of the full Committee for hearings in executive session by the Subcommittee. Such approval could not be obtained before the full Committee meeting the week of 12 May. I thanked Mr. Barton for his advice.

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25X1 3. [] Talked to Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant
Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, who said:

a. He had just seen Senator Lowell P. Weicker who agreed to hold off taking any action on the John Downey case for the present, and

25X1 b. He understood that State's response to Senator McGovern regarding the drug problem in Southeast Asia had been coordinated with [] of my Office, adding that State was preparing only an interim response cast in generalities and not addressed to the specific points contained in McGovern's inquiry. I said I planned to see Senator McGovern in the near future and try to satisfy him with an oral response.

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